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KENNEDY'S APPROACH

One encouraging thing about President-elect John F. Kennedy's post-election behavior is his demonstrated willingness to seek out major officials in the interest of his Administration.

Kennedy, for example, sought out Vice President Nixon, and went to visit him - at his vacation headquarters - in Florida. He decided to fly to Texas to confer with his Vice President-elect about the new Administration.

He is not in other words, sitting back and making the lesser lights come to him - which some are inclined to do, thinking largely of prestige and front.

What we need in this country in these times, is brilliant, actice and flexible leadership - a President who is willing to hustle and who wants to get the whole nation hustling. If the first sign are indicative, then Kennedy is off to a good start. He is alert, keen and sharp, and may, indeed, give the nation outstanding leadership.

CHANGING TIMES

It seems incredible but the United States, just fifteen years after having helped smash Hitlr and Germany into submission and utter destruction, is now urgently pleading for help from Germany -- in the fight to maintain a stable dollar.

The Germans have responded by promising to spend a billion dollars on foreign aid. This will ease the pressure on the dollar in the field of foreign trade, to some extent, but U. S. Treasury Secretary Bob Anderson feels this is not enough and recently flew to Bonn to plead for further cooperation from Germany.

One of the reasons for this pinch is the inflation which gripped the dollar after World War II and during and after the Korean Conflict. Costs of everything skyrocketed, and we did not take adequate controls of the economy.

Our products, such as automobiles and steel products, rose so sharply in price that they were priced out of the Europeon market. They wee so high that other people, in other countries, just could not buy them. And we have lost sales, and have built up an alarming unemployment situation.

And on top of this, our tremendous military expenditures abroad, have added up to a dangerous drain on our gold supply. It has reached the danger stage.

Despite the excuses, it is a poor commentary on the economic policis of the present Administration, that in peaceful and "prosperous" years, our Government has gone headlong into debt and lost billions of our gold reserve. It is to be hoped that the incoming Kennedy Administration will face up to this emergency and put us back on the road to fiscal solvency.

BIGGEST VOTE

The Presidential election on November 8th drew the largest vote of any in U. S. history. The record which was broken was that of 1956, when President Eisenhower defeated Adlai Stevenson for the second time. The vote that year was 62,027,,000.

In the recent election, almost 67,000,000 persons voted. This was an increase of almost 5,000,000 votes. Compared to the increase in 1956, over the total vote in 1952 - about half a million - the 5,000,000 increase between the 1956 and 1960 elections is highly indicative.

Even though some 67,000,000 Americans voted, the American record for voter participation is still not a very good one. Many other countries show better pecentages in democratic elections.

But a five-million vote increase is a good increase and if this gain became consistant, over the coming score of years, the American record of voter participation would be bettered.

Even though the recent election did not influence many million eligible voters to go to the polls, it was a wonderful example of democracy at work to many countries in all areas of the world.

It might also be added that the willingness of the people of America to abide by the decision at the polls, without esort to revolution, coups and violence is part of the backbone of democratic government.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Does a mild winter always mean bumper crops in the summer and fall ahead?

A mild winter, contrary to what people believe, is not necesarily the best thing for trees and plants which produce salable products.

Some trees and plants require so many cold nights during the winter. If they do not receive this cooling process, which controls the dormant period, they are likely to produce little or bear too early, or both.

Thus an aveage winter is better than an extremely cold or an extremely warm one. And there has been little change in our average winter weather over the years--despite the fact that elderly people usually think the weather was colder in their childhood. It was slightly colder but the difference in the average winter at the turn of the century and today is relatively minor.

SUPERVISOR LISTS CREDIT RULES

Hunter P. Evans, local supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, this week named four points that successful farmers follow in making good use of credit.

His statement was part of a review of years of experience in the farm credit field, and was made at a training meeting of Farmers Home Administration county committeemen recently held in Farmville.

First, a successful farmer plans every step he is going to take, figures costs, carefully, and borrows only as much as he needs.

Second, he considers both price and quality when buying, gets several cost estimates, and compares the relative value of new and second hand equipment.

Third, he borrows only to finance money making enterprises.

Fourth, he builds up a good credit rating. He plans his payments to come due when income will be available for debt payment. He takes proper care of security property. He makes his payments when due.

Mr. Evans said these credit principles gain yearly in importance as farming becomes more complex and farm costs increase.

Promises are easier to make than to fulfill, but people continue to make them carelessly.

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... were off bright and ... Monday for the first ... season.

... Mrs. Buddy Thompson ... It's a boy, uddy, ... arrived at Virginia Baptist ... on Nov. 19.

... attended the Training ... meeting at Brookneal ...

... number of the ladies ... went to Liberty last Tuesday night for the mission study class held there.

Rev. W. . Elder bro't a very fine Thanksgiving message for the service on last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Jennie Almond spent a few days at Brookneal recently, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Almond spent a Sunday recently with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and bro't. Mrs. Jennie Almond home.

A house warming was given Mr. and Mrs. Dave Goin last Saturday night. They received many nice and useful things.

Quite a few of the farmers were on the tobacco market today to sell tobacco.

Vera

Vera, (Omitted from our last issue): "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." -Matthew 5-9.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Harvey, and Mr. and Mrs. Maberry, of Lynchburg.

The community was saddened by the passing of Mr. Jessie Harvey. We extend sympathy for his family.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey attended the Fall Group meeting of the W. M. U. of New Hope, at Chestnut Grove Church on Friday.

Mr. Jimmie Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey in Richmond on Sunday.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Monroe Webb got his shoulder knocked out of place by a tractor turning over. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Jim Webb has been operated on for appendicitis. He has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buck Coleman on Sunday.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson on Monday night.

ColoredD ots

Mr. Oscar Woods, principal of Falling River Elementary School, is much improved, after a short illness.

Mr. Samuel Canada is slowly improving after being home from McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Marhall and Mrs. Grace Walker were callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. . Claytor recently.

Mrs. Grace Walker was a caller in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. .H Canada recently.

Mr. James Tweedy and wife attended the wedding Saturday of Mr. Harmon Tweedy and Miss Fannie M. Nelson in Philadelphia. The couple will live in Brookneal, Va., Rt. 1.

Mr. and Mr. Chas. H. Canada called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Marshall recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Canada and all others of that community are enjoying the services of their new telephones, installed the 15th of November.

After spending the week-end at home, Mrs. Canada has returned to her duties in Appomattox.

Miss Fayetta Eliott was a caller in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Canada recently.

HEALTH PROGRAM

Dr. Mack I. Shanholtz, State Health Commissioner, stated today that tuberculosis continues to be a major public health problem in Virginia. Last year, 1,700 new cases were reported, of which 1,475 were clasified as active.

"Case finding by all methods continues to be the top priority problem in tuberculosis control," Dr. Shanholtz stated. Every effort is being made in cooperation with the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, the Medical Society of Virginia, the Virginia Trudeau Society, and the Virginia Chapter, American College of Chest Physicians to stimulate widespread ease finding by x-ray survey.

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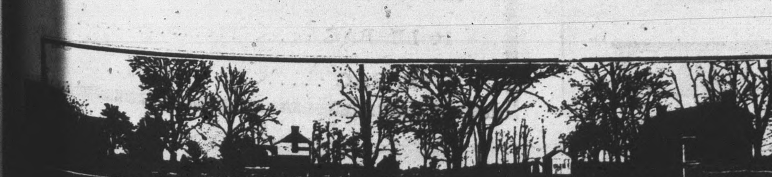
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